

Potatoes, fresh: Retail price, marketing spread, and grower-packer return per pound for sales in the United States, 1980-2001

Calendar year	Retail price 1/ -- Cents/lb. --	Marketing spread		Shipping-point price 2/ 3/	
		Actual	Portion of retail	Actual	Portion of retail
			Percent	Cents/lb.	Percent
1980	18.34	13.5	73.7	4.82	26.3
1981	23.96	17.0	71.0	6.95	29.0
1982	20.23	15.1	74.8	5.10	25.2
1983	19.81	14.8	74.9	4.97	25.1
1984	23.24	15.1	65.1	8.12	34.9
1985	19.93	14.5	72.8	5.41	27.2
1986	23.09	17.8	77.2	5.26	22.8
1987	26.52	20.4	76.9	6.14	23.1
1988	25.02	20.4	81.3	4.67	18.7
1989	32.80	25.5	77.9	7.26	22.1
1990	35.58	28.0	78.6	7.60	21.4
1991	31.66	25.8	81.6	5.84	18.4
1992	29.23	24.2	82.9	5.01	17.1
1993	33.45	26.0	77.6	7.48	22.4
1994	35.90	28.5	79.4	7.38	20.6
1995	36.42	28.7	78.9	7.68	21.1
1996	36.58	29.0	79.4	7.53	20.6
1997	34.14	28.6	83.8	5.52	16.2
1998	36.05	29.5	82.0	6.50	18.0
1999	37.85	30.2	79.9	7.61	20.1
2000	36.46	30.1	82.6	6.35	17.4
2001	37.44	29.6	79.0	7.87	21.0

1/ Prices are simple averages, adjusted to account for waste and spoilage incurred during marketing. 2/ Average of monthly shipping-point price as reported by USDA-NASS. 3/ Grower prices for fresh market only after 1983. From 1980-83, grower prices were for potatoes for all uses. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and Economic Research Service, USDA.